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RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY NAMES BRAD GROSS AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Former Director of Orange County's Dana Point Harbor, Gross has decades of leadership experience in maritime management and

San Rafael, CA—The <u>Richardson Bay Regional Agency</u> (RBRA) Board of Directors approved the appointment of Brad Gross as the new permanent Executive Director of the agency at its meeting on Thursday.

"I'm thrilled to join the great team at the Richardson Bay Regional Agency," said Gross. "Richardson Bay is an amazing natural resource that's home to a diverse array of marine life and it's a wonderful setting for the public to enjoy recreational activities out on the water. I'm excited to embark on the RBRA mission's to protect the environment here while making Richardson Bay safe and accessible for everyone. I also want to thank Interim Executive Director Steve McGrath for his careful stewardship of the RBRA over the past year and a half."

For nine years, Gross served as the Director of Dana Point Harbor, an Orange County Department in charge of overseeing two marinas, small retail shops, maritime services, yacht clubs, a non-profit educational youth training facility, and other maritime endeavors.

As Director, Gross was responsible for managing all aspects of the department, including its planning and strategic initiatives, permitting processes and annual Business Plan budgeting. He also helped to lead the Dana Point Revitalization Project, a multiyear effort to plan, design and renovate the Harbor.

Prior to being named Director of Dana Point Harbor, Gross served as the Manager of Marina Operations/Harbormaster for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. As a Harbormaster, Gross planned, organized and directed the operations and maintenance of the 700 slip in the San Francisco Marina and Yacht Harbor, which includes its Marina Renovation Project. He also secured funding, permits and finalized the marina design, planned and managed all capital improvement projects, and represented the department before various boards, commissions, and other public and private organizations and groups.

"Brad Gross has a long and distinguished career of faithfully serving the public, advocating on behalf of maritime communities and ensuring the health and protection of local ecosystems," said Marin County Supervisor and RBRA Board Chair Stephanie Moulton-Peters. "We are confident that he can address the challenges facing the RBRA and help the agency continue to



make Richardson Bay a safe, healthy and supportive environment for the public and the marine life that calls this place home."

Gross was hired through the Regional Government Services Authority (RGS), which is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) serving the needs of cities, counties, special districts, joint powers authorities, and other governmental entities. His first official day as General Manager at the RBRA will be January 16.

"I've known Brad for more than 15 years, and during that time he's consistently proven himself to be a capable leader and dedicated public servant," said RBRA Interim Executive Director Steve McGrath. "He's built strong relationships with the community everywhere he's been, and his extensive maritime knowledge will be of great service to the people of Marin County."

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The Richardson Bay Regional Agency (RBRA) is a local government agency serving Belvedere, Mill Valley, Tiburon, and unincorporated Southern Marin. RBRA is dedicated to maintaining and improving the navigational waterways, open waters, and shoreline of Richardson Bay.